



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8526**

Inge JOHANSEN et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1826A

Serial No. 10/018,174 : Group Art Unit 1725

Filed March 12, 2002 : Examiner Kevin P. Kerns

EQUIPMENT FOR CONTINUOUS,  
HORIZONTAL CASTING OF METAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116.  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1725.

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 15, 2003, the period for response  
having been extended for one (1) month by the attached petition, please amend the  
present application as follows: